Old Republic Reports 14th Consecutive Rise in Quarterly Operating Earnings

October 28, 2003
Earnings Benefit From Higher Profits in General and Title Insurance Segments

Financial Highlights
(unaudited: amounts in millions except share data and
percentages: all per-share amounts are stated on a diluted basis) Quarters Ended Nine Months Ended
September 30, September 30,
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Old Republic International Corporation (NYSE: ORI), reported greater earnings for this year's third qua million, or 81 cents per share, in the same year-ago period. hs. Net income in this year's third quarter totaled \$119.9 million, or 96 cents per share, versus \$96.3 million, or 79 cents per share, for the year-ago quarter. Net

For the first nine months of 2003, net income was \$34.6 million, or \$2.40 per share, vessus \$299.4 million, or \$2.40 per share, or present of \$200.2 million or \$2.70 per share, compared to \$200.2 million, or \$2.40 per share, expense years reduced and net earnings were enhanced by tax an related interest recoveries of \$50.0 million, or \$2.40 per share, due to the fuscr nine months, case to the function in a compared to \$200.2 million, or \$2.40 per share, due to the function in the name period of 2000.2 in last years first nine months of 2003 would reflect growth nates of 19.8 percent and 20.3 percent, respectively. Expenses recognition of stock options granted in 20.0 control and percent and 20.3 percent and 20.3 percent, respectively. Expenses recognition of stock options granted in 20.0 control and percent and 20.3 percent and 20.3 percent, respectively. Expenses recognition of stock options granted in 20.0 control and percent percent percent places to the first nine months of 2003 would reflect growth nates of 19.8 percent and 20.3 percent, respectively. Expenses recognition of stock options granted in 20.0 control and percent per

The components of GAAP net income and net operating income cited herein were as follows:

		(\$ in Mil	lions)	
		rs Ended aber 30,	Nine Months September	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
Pretax operating				
income	\$173.3	\$144.9	\$500.7	\$412.7
Income taxes	56.2	46.4	161.5	120.1
Net operating income	116.9	98.3	339.0	292.3
Add (deduct) realized				
investment gains				
(losses) from:				
Disposition of				
investments	11.5	0.4	27.0	29.9
Impairment of				
investments	(6.9)	(3.6)	(16.4)	(19.0)
Total	4.5	(3.2)	10.5	10.9
Income taxes				
(credits)	1.6	(1.2)	3.7	3.8
Post tax net realized				
gains (losses)	2.9	(2.0)	6.8	7.1
Net income	\$119.9	\$96.3	\$345.8	\$299.4

Both net operating income and net income ligures are given to add investment analysis of Company results, as they highlight the impact of certain accounting rules or securities market-driven considerations that affect the recording of investment gains or losses and contribute to earnings violatility and lessened period-to-period companability. The realization of investment gains or losses can be highly described as the timing of individual securities state, losses to make down with exchanged accountings, take a continuous market or an extraction of investment gains or losses and contribute to earnings violatility and lessened period-to-period companability. The realization of investment gains or losses and contribute to earnings violatility and lessened period-to-period companability. The realization of investment gains or losses and contribute to earnings violatility and lessened period-to-period companability. The realization of investment gains or losses and contribute to earnings violatility and lessened period-to-period companability. The realization of investment gains or losses and contribute to earnings violatility and lessened period-to-period companability. The realization of investment gains or losses and contribute to earnings violatility and lessened period-to-period companability. The realization of investment analysis of the companability of the period-to-period companability. The realization of investment analysis of the companability of markets and contribute to earnings violatility and lessened period-to-period companability. The realization of investment gains or losses and contribute to earnings violatility and lessened period-to-period contribute to earnings violatility and lesses and contribute to earning violatility and lesses and contribute to earning violatility and lesses and contribute to earning violatility and lesses and contribute to

Consolidated operating revenues for this, year's Britt quarter amounted to \$861.8 million, up 22.4 percent when compared to \$704.3 million posted in the same quarter of 2002. Not premiums and less were \$778.1 million in 2003 which quarter versus \$522.3 million in the same period one year ago. Consolidated net investment income of \$601.1 million for the third quarter of 2003 was basically fast when compared to the same quarter

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Old Republic's properly and fability insurance business registered pretax operating income of \$44.8 million in this year's third quarter, which compares to \$46.8 million earned in the same period of 2002. Net premium revenues in the latest quarter/up period rose by 18.3 percent to \$399.0 million, compared to \$333.4 million one year ago. The composite underwriting ratio for this year's third quarter was \$42.9 percent versus \$6.6 percent in the same quarter rore year ago.

For the first nine months of 2003, pertax operating income rose by 41.3 percent to \$186.7 million when compared to \$13.2 t million posted in the like period of 2002. Net premiums eamed were \$1.01 billion versus \$886.8 million a year ago, for an increase of 17.9 percent. The composite underwriting ratio was \$3.6 percent compared to 98.1 percent in the same period last year.

All of the improvement in General Insurance premium production resulted from a better pricing environment that begain in 2003, and from genetar access in securing environment production and administrative expenses portions of the composits underwinding results in the listent quarter and year-to-date period continued to benefit from beered almost production and administrative expenses portions of the composits underwinding results in the listent quarter and year-to-date period continued to benefit from beered administrative expenses portions of the composits underwinding results in the list quarter of 1998 and the disopposit indicator of underwinding performance in the industry, and coll Republication of underwinding performance in the industry, and coll Republication of underwinding performance in the industry, and coll Republication of underwinding performance in the industry, and coll Republication of underwinding performance in the industry and unde

ms earned in the latest quarter were \$100.1 million, up 4.4 percent from \$95.9 million in the year-ago qua

For the first nine months of 2003, Mortgage Guaranty pretsus operating income rose by 1.0 percent to \$24.8 million in the first nine months of 2003 reflected a fising invested asset base, though the aforementioned drop in current investment period of 2002. Mortgage Guaranty pressurement income in both the third quarter and first nine months of 2003 reflected a fising invested asset base, though the aforementioned drop in current investment yields has inhibited a corresponding growth in this revenue source.

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Title Insurance Group

For each period of the current year, Tifle Insurance underwriting results were aided by growing premium and fee revenues, resulting mostly from continued high levels of mortgage refinancing activity and by maintenance of production and operating costs within parameters of premium and fee revenue growth, offset somewhat by relatively low though moderately rising claim costs

Life and Health operating revenues were \$12.0 million in this pair, and the quarter and \$45.0 million in the first rine control of the year. For 2000 pretar, operating partners of \$2.0 million in the first rine received or \$2.0 million in t

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Old Republic's investment portfolio reflects a current allocation of approximately 85 percent in fued-income investments and 8 percent in equities. As has been the case for many years, it contains little or no exposure to real estate investments, mortgage-backed securities, derivatives, junk bonds, private placements or mortgage loans holders' equity grew by 13.2 percent to \$3.57 billion at September 30, 2003, compared to the equivalent balance of \$3.15 billion posted as of December 31, 2002, and \$3.04 billion at September 30, 2002. Book value per share was \$29.55 at the end of this year's third quarter, versus \$26.17 at year-end 2002, and \$25.28 at September 30, 2002.

Old Republic has scheduled a conference call today at 2:00 p.m. Central Time to discuss its third quarter 2003 performance and related trends in its business. To access this call, log on to www.oldrepublic.com 15 minutes before the call to download the necessary software. Replays will be available through this website for 30 days

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		Quarters		
		Septembe		8
		2003	2002	Change
NET INCOME:				
Total		\$119,929,448	\$96,358,301	24.51
Per Share:	Panin	\$0.99	sn 8n	23 78
rer bilare.	Danie	00.55	00.00	23.74
	Diluted	\$0.98	\$0.79	24.1%
Average number of	f common and			
equivalent share	es outstanding			
	Basic	120,858,089	120,549,496	
	Diluted	122.301.762		
	Diluted	122,301,762	121,487,344	
COMPOSITION OF E	ARNINGS PER SHARE:			
Basic Earnings:				
Net income,	, before items below	\$0.97	\$0.82	18.3
Realized in	nvestment gains			
(losses)		0.02	(0.02)	
Net inc	ome	\$0.99	\$0.80	23.7%
Diluted Earnings	:			
Net income.	before items below	\$0.96	\$0.81	18.5
Realized in	nvestment dains			
(losses)		0.02	(0.02)	
Net inc	ome	\$0.98		24.1%
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BOOK VALUE PER SE	HARE (End of			
periods)(a):				
As Reported	ì			
Cost Basis				
BININGIAL GIBBIAN	Y (S in Millions):			
Operating Revenue				
General		\$407.0	\$351.8	15.76
Mortgage Gu		125.8		
Title	atancy	314 5		
Life & Heal				-27.0%
Life & Heal	tn	12.0	16.4	-27.0%

Other	2.4	1.8	
Consolidated Operating			
Revenues	861.8	704.3	22.4%
Realized Investment Gains (Losses)	4.5	(3.2)	
Total Revenues	\$866.4	\$701.0	23.61
Pretax Operating Income (Loss):			
General	\$64.8	\$46.8	38.5%
Mortgage Guaranty	69.1	70.8	-2.4%
Title	43.0	26.9	59.8%
Life & Health	(1.2)	1.3	-189.1%
Other	(2.4)	(1.0)	
Total	173.3	144.9	19.6%
Realized Investment Gains (Losses)	4.5	(3.2)	
Revenues. Net of Expenses	177.9	141.6	25.6
Income Taxes	57.9	45.2	28.1%
Net Income	\$119.9	\$96.3	24.5%

(a) "As Reported" in financial statements with all securities carried at market value at September 30, 2003, and partially so at September 30, 2002. "Cost Basis" calculation includes all investment securities at their currently amortised original cost.

Old Republic International Corporation FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Nine Month Septemb	er 30,	4
NET INCOME:	2003	2002	Change
Total	\$345,888,134	\$299,430,982	15.5
Per Share: Basic	\$2.86	\$2.48	15.3
Diluted	\$2.84	\$2.46	15.4%
Average number of common and equivalent shares outstanding			
Basic	120,849,307	120,529,081	
Diluted	121,911,773	121,558,013	
COMPOSITION OF EARNINGS PER SHARE: Basic Earnings:			
Net income, before items below Realized investment gains	\$2.80		2 15.
(losses)	0.06	0.06	
Net income Diluted Earnings:	\$2.86		15.3%
Net income, before items below Realized investment gains	\$2.78	\$2.4	0 15.8
(losses)	0.06	0.06	
Net income	\$2.84	\$2.46	15.4%
BOOK VALUE PER SHARE (End of			
periods)(a):			
As Reported Cost Basis	\$29.55 \$27.62		
COST BASIS	\$27.62	\$24.53	12.61
FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$ in Millions) : Operating Revenues:			
Operating Revenues: General	81.157.1	\$1.003.3	15.3
Mortgage Guaranty	375.1	344.8	
Title	827.4	591.3	
Life & Health	43.6		
Other	6.2	3.0	
Consolidated Operating			
Revenues	2,409.5		
Realized Investment Gains (Losses)	10.5		
Total Revenues	\$2,420.1	\$1,998.1	21.1
Pretax Operating Income (Loss):			
General	\$186.7	\$132.1	
Mortgage Guaranty	214.9		
Title	105.2	68.4	53.8% -56.9%
Life & Health Other	2.0		
Total	(8.2) 500.7		21.3%
Realized Investment Gains (Losses)	10.5		
Revenues, Net of Expenses	511.3		
Income Taxes	165.2	123.9	
Net Income	\$345.8		

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Old Republic International Corporation SEGMENTED OPERATING SUMMARY (S in Millions)

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	Net				
	Premiums	Mat			
			t Other	Operating	Renefit
Segment				e Revenues	
Ouarter Ended September 30.	2002				
General September 30,		\$43.1	04.0	\$407.0	\$242.3
Mortgage	100.1			125.8	23.2
Title	308.4		0.1	314.5	17.2
Life	10.4		0.1	12.0	6.5
Other	10.4	2.4		2.4	0.5
Consolidated				\$861.8	
Ouarter Ended September 30.	2002				
Quarter Ended September 30, General		042.2	CF 0	\$351.8	\$220.2
Mortgage	95.9				13.0
Title	209.2			215.0	10.3
Life	14.6			16.4	9.5
Other	14.0	1.8		1.8	
	\$623.3				
Nine Months Ended September					
General				\$1,157.1	
Mortgage	298.9		27.2	375.1	58.3
Title	809.3				45.0
Life	38.6		0.2	43.6	19.3
Other		6.1		6.2	
Consolidated	\$2,158.9	\$208.6	\$42.0	\$2,409.5	\$813.
Nine Months Ended September					
General	\$858.5			\$1,003.3	
Mortgage	278.6				35.1
Title	574.1				27.7
Life	39.3			44.5	23.0
Other				3.0	
Consolidated	\$1,750.7	\$203.7	\$32.7	\$1,987.1	\$708.
Fiscal Twelve Months Ended	September 3	0, 2003			
General	\$1,337.5	\$174.0	\$18.8	\$1,530.4	\$920.3
Mortgage	396.5	65.6	35.2	497.4	76.0
Title	1,048.6	23.3	0.5	1,072.5	58.0
Life	49.3	6.4 8.1	0.3	56.1	25.3
Other		8.1		8.2	
Consolidated	\$2,832.2	\$277.6	\$55.0	\$3,164.8	\$1,079.
Fiscal Twelve Months Ended	September 3	10. 2002			
General				\$1.317.4	\$823.5
Mortgage	369.8	65.5	23.4	458.8	48.0
Title	750.8				34.8
Life	51.5			58.5	30.4
Other		6.2		6.2	
Consolidated	\$2,296.9			\$2,615.1	\$936.

SEGMENTED OPERATING SUMMARY

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2002

General	\$248.8	\$871.2	\$132.1	99.1
Mortgage	96.9	132.0	212.7	41.31
Title	495.1	522.9	68.4	90.8%
Life	16.7	39.8	4.7	100.7%
Other	8.4	8.4	(5.3)	
Consolidated	\$866.0	\$1,574.4	\$412.7	87.5
Fiscal Twelve Months Ended	September 30,	2003		
General	\$373.3	\$1,293.6	\$236.7	94.4
Mortgage	151.3	227.4	269.9	48.51
Title	879.9	937.9	134.6	89.4%
Life	27.0	52.4	3.7	105.3%
Other	18.2	18.2	(10.0)	
Consolidated	\$1,449.9	\$2,529.8	\$635.0	86.7
Fiscal Twelve Months Ended	September 30,	2002		
General	\$328.0	\$1,151.6	\$165.8	100.1
Mortgage	129.2	177.2	281.5	41.5
Title	648.8	683.7	90.3	90.7%
Life	22.4	52.9	5.6	102.2%
Other	11.6	11.6	(5.3)	
Consolidated	\$1,140.1	\$2,077.1	\$538.0	87.7

Old Republic International Corporation SEGMENTED OPERATING STATISTICS (\$ in Millions)

	Quarter	s Ended	Nine Mont	hs Ended
	Septem	ber 30,	Septem	ber 30,
	2003	2002	2003	2002
General Insurance:				
Benefits and claims rati	o 67.1%	73.0%	68.4%	73.2%
Expense ratio	25.8%	25.6%	25.2%	25.9%
Composite ratio	92.9%	98.6%	93.6%	99.1%
Paid loss ratio	55.0%	58.3%	54.4%	63.2%
Mortgage Guaranty:				
New insurance written:				
Traditional Primary	\$11,123.8	\$7,819.3	\$29,506.0	\$22,093.7
Bulk	965.5	2,244.6	4,069.3	4,754.5
Other	1.511.3	1.349.6	4.907.5	5.616.6
Total	\$13,600.6	\$11,413.5	\$38,482.8	\$32,464.8
Net risk in force:				
Traditional Primary			\$15,060.8	\$15,446.9
Bulk			752.9	476.4
Other			491.7	434.0
Total			\$16,305.4	
Earned premiums: Direct	\$117.5	S110.4	\$348.6	\$318.3
Net	\$100.1	\$95.9		\$278.6
Persistency/Traditional				
Primary			43.0%	62.2%
Delinquency ratio:				
Traditional Primary			3.8%	3.1%
Bulk			5.0%	2.1%
Claims ratio	23.3%		19.5%	
Expense ratio	23.9%	29.6%	25.0%	
Composite ratio	47.2%	43.2%	44.5%	41.3%
Paid loss ratio	26.9%	15.5%	21.3%	15.3%
Title Insurance:				
Direct orders opened	115,083	138,785	417,557	325,029
Direct orders closed	121.684	94.364	352.485	257.708
Claims ratio	5.6%	4.9%	5.6%	4.8%
Expense ratio	82.5%		83.7%	86.0%
Composite ratio	88.1%	89.7%	89.3%	90.8%
Paid loss ratio	3.1%	4.6%	2.8%	4.1%
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